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August 27, 1998

BEFORE THE  
  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Wisconsin Electric Power Company, as a  
Gas Public Utility, for Authority to Construct Facilities  
and Provide Natural Gas Service in a Portion of the Town  
of Black Creek, Outagamie County, Wisconsin

6630-CG-107

**NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION  
AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS**

Wisconsin Electric Power Company (WE), as a gas public utility, filed an application with the Commission on August 11, 1998, for authority under ss. 196.49 and 196.50, Stats., and Chapter PSC 133, Wis. Adm. Code, to construct facilities and provide natural gas service in a portion of section 34 in the Town of Black Creek, Outagamie County, Wisconsin.

WE is a gas public utility, as defined in s. 196.01(5), Stats., engaged in the business of distributing and selling natural gas in a number of cities, villages, and towns in eight counties in southeastern Wisconsin, three counties in the Fox Valley area, one county on the western edge of Wisconsin, and two counties in northern Wisconsin.

Commission order CA-4868, dated December 29, 1967, authorized Wisconsin Gas Company (WGC), as a gas public utility, to construct facilities and provide natural gas service in the Town of Black Creek, Outagamie County, Wisconsin.

WE and WGC entered into a territorial agreement dated July 14, 1998, establishing respective natural gas service areas in the Towns of Black Creek, Outagamie County, Wisconsin. A copy of the territorial agreement was filed with the Commission.

The July 14, 1998, territorial agreement provides that the area located in section 34 in the Town of Black Creek, Outagamie County, Wisconsin, which is north of an east-west boundary line 200 feet north of Krueger Road, shall be the exclusive gas utility service area of WGC, and the territory in

section 34 in the Town of Black Creek contained south of the boundary line shall be the exclusive gas utility service area of WE.

WE proposes to construct, beginning from its existing distribution system in the Town of Center, Outagamie County, approximately 2,220 feet of 2-inch plastic (PE) gas main along the south side of Krueger Road to provide natural gas service to four residential customers and one commercial customer. All five customers are located on the north side of Krueger Road in section 34 in the Town of Black Creek, Outagamie County, Wisconsin.

WE states the cost of the project is estimated to be \$8,305.

**NOTICE IS GIVEN** that the Commission will investigate the application without hearing unless an interested party requests a hearing within 10 working days of the date this notice is mailed.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the Commission considers it necessary in order to carry out its duties to investigate the books, accounts, practices, and activities of Wisconsin Electric Power Company, as a gas public utility. The expenses incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to the investigation will be assessed against and collected from Wisconsin Electric Power Company as a gas public utility, under s. 196.85, Stats., and Chapter PSC 5, Wis. Adm. Code.

This is a Type III action under s. PSC 4.10(3), Wis. Adm. Code. No unusual circumstances suggesting the likelihood of significant environmental consequences have come to the Commission's attention. Neither an environmental impact statement under s. 1.11, Stats., nor an environmental assessment is required.

If there are any questions regarding this matter, please contact Tom Reisdorf, Natural Gas Division at (608) 267-1475.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, \_\_\_\_\_

For the Commission.

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Anita Sprenger, Administrator  
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